

H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations; further, Senate will insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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#### Appointment:

***Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Thomas P. Golden of Tennessee, vice Vincent Randazzo, resigned.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—271) Pages S9181, S9191, S9203

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:31 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9226.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY/INTERIOR

***Committee on Appropriations:*** Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill (S. 1391) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

### NOMINATIONS

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Paul M. Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CREDIT REPORTING

***Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:*** Committee concluded hearings on the accuracy of credit reporting information and the Fair Credit Reporting Act, focusing on amendments and other statutory changes proposed by the Treasury Department on June 30, 2003, including permanent renewal of the uniform national standards in Section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Stephen Brobeck, Consumer Federation of America, Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, and Evan Hendricks, Privacy Times, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard F. Le Febvre, AAA American Credit Bureau, Inc., Flagstaff, Arizona; and David A. Jokinen, Sugar Land, Texas.

### NATURAL GAS

***Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:*** Committee concluded hearings to examine the high price of natural gas, its effect on the economy and to consider potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Richard L. Grant, Tractebel LNG North America, Boston, Massachusetts; J. Brian Ferguson, Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; and Bruce Thompson, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

***Committee on Finance:*** Committee met and approved the committee recommendations relative to proposed legislation to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and proposed legislation to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

***Committee on Health, Labor and Pensions:*** Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Community Services Block grant program,

after receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; David A. Bradley, National Community Action Foundation, Washington, D.C.; E. Phillip McKain, CTE, Inc. (Community Action Agency), Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Connecticut Association for Community Action; Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Connecticut Association for Community Action; Winifred Octave, Worcester Massachusetts; Michael Saucier, Berlin, New Hampshire, and Nathaniel Best, Knoxville, Tennessee.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, with amendments;

S. 1280, to amend the Protect Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, with an amendment;

S. Res. 140, designating the week of August 10, 2003, as "National Health Center Week";

S. 764, to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program,

The nominations of Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Robert C. Brack, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Samuel Der-Yeghaiyan, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Louise W. Flanagan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Lonny R.

Suko, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Earl Leroy Yeakel III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Karen P. Tandy, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1375, to provide for the reauthorization of programs administered by the Small Business Administration, with amendments.

### VA PROVIDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation regarding VA-provided benefits programs, including the following: S. 257, S. 517, S. 1131, S. 1133, S. 1188, S. 1213, S. 1239, S. 1281, S. 249, S. 938, S. 1132, S. 792, S. 806, S. 1136, S. 978, S. 1124, S. 1199, S. 1282, and S. 1360, after receiving testimony from Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; and Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 2692–2712, and 1 private bill, H.R. 2713, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–195).

H. Con. Res. 159, declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into

law of the observance of Veterans Day (H. Rept. 108–196);

H.R. 2595, to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 108–197);

H.R. 2357, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, amended (H. Rept. 108–198); and

H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania, amended (H. Rept. 108–199).

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